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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

BIG BEAR DAM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Big Bear Lake – Caltrans will have a public hearing to present the information to the public regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (EIR/EIS) for the Big Bear Dam Bridge Replacement Project. Caltrans would like to invite the public to the meeting to provide comments as part of the environmental process. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing deteriorated bridge with a new bridge. The proposed new bridge would be constructed either upstream over Big Bear Lake or downstream over Bear Creek Canyon. Both of the proposed build alternatives would include 3-lanes, 10-foot shoulders and a sidewalk.

Meeting details below:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, March 30, 2006	Big Bear Municipal Water District	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	40524 Lakeview Drive	
	Big Bear Lake, CA	

The public hearing will be an open-house style meeting. Preliminary layouts, visual simulations, maps and other exhibits will be available for viewing. Representatives from Caltrans and the Forest Service will be available. A court reporter will also be available to take your oral comments. Construction is set to begin in 2008 and be complete in 2012. Comments may also be mailed to Boniface Udotor at 464 West Fourth Street, MS 823, San Bernardino CA 92401, or emailed to Boniface.Udotor@dot.ca.gov. The Environmental Document is available to review on line at www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/environmental.htm, or at the Big Bear Library, the Big Bear Discover Center, the USFS Supervisors Office and the Caltrans District 8 Office.

For additional information please feel free to contact the Public Information Officer listed at the top of this notice. If you have a disability and need assistance at this meeting, please call (909) 383-4631 by March 23rd to make arrangements. Information will continue to be posted on the Caltrans District 8 website www.dot.ca.gov/dist8 for those who cannot attend the meetings.

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